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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CD, FR, LY  
SUBJ: FRENCH MEDIATION CONCERNING CHAD

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1. DURING THE TALKS JULY 27-28 WITH LIBYAN  
FOREIGN MINISTER TRIKI, THE FRENCH PRESIDENT AND  
FOREIGN MINISTER SEPARATELY RAISED THE PROBLEM  
OF CHAD. ACCORDING TO QUAI SOURCES, THE FONMIN  
SAID THE FRENCH DEPLORED THE CURRENT CONFLICT IN  
CHAD AND HOPED THAT BOTH SIDES THERE COULD WORK  
OUT A RECONCILIATION. FRANCE DID NOT WISH  
TO INTERFERE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO AFRICAN  
STATES, BUT FRANCE WAS COMPELLED TO NOTE  
THAT IT RECOGNIZED THE BORDERS WHICH EXISTED  
WHEN CHAD ATTAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE. TRIKI REPLIED  
THAT LIBYA ALSO WISHED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, BUT  
EACH TIME LIBYANS HAD MADE AN EFFORT TO DISCUSS  
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THE MATTER WITH A RESPONSIBLE CHADIAN, THEY  
HAD HAD NO SUCCESS. FRENCH SAID THAT CHADIAN  
OFFICIALS HAD MADE THE SAME OBSERVATION ABOUT THEIR  
EFFORTS TO TALK WITH THE LIBYANS.

2. TRIKI INSISTED THAT THERE WERE NO LIBYANS  
ON CHADIAN TERRITORY, BUT THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT

HAD COMMITTED SERIOUS HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST LIBYANS SUCH AS RESTRICTING THEIR MOVEMENTS, FREEZING THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS, ETC. THE FRENCH NOTED THAT EVEN IF THERE WERE NO LIBYANS IN CHAD THERE WAS AT LEAST AID TO SOME GROUPS IN CHAD. TRIKI RESPONDED THAT IT WAS NOT THIS AID WHICH PREVENTS A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE DISIDENT GROUPS AND THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. TRIKI SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS READY TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF THE FRONTIER WITH CHAD WHENEVER AND WHEREVER NDJAMENA WISHES, BUT IT WAS THE INTERNAL CONFLICTS WITHIN CHAD WHICH MADE FOR DIFFICULTIES EVEN ON THIS SCORE. CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN NDJAMENA AND THE REBELS WOULD HELP CREATE A HELPFUL CLIMATE FOR LIBYAN/CHADIAN TALKS.

4. OUR QUAI SOURCE DOES NOT HANDLE THE CHADIAN END OF THE PROBLEM, BUT HE WAS AWARE, AS WE HAVE NOTED BEFORE, THAT FRANCE WAS ENCOURAGING DIRECTLY (WITH GROUPS GOF IS IN CONTACT WITH) AND INDIRECTLY (VIA OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES) ATTEMPTS TO RECONCILE SOME OF THE GROUPS WITH THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT. THE QUAI STILL THINKS, HOWEVER, THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE LIBYAN/CHAD BORDER PROBLEM IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN CUTTING OFF LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR SOME OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DISSIDENTS AND THEREBY HELPING TO BRING THE OTHER GROUPS TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.  
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